

## GOSHEN, IND.

Again the angels rejoice over the repentance of three precious souls, who want to follow in the Master's blessed ways. They were baptized Thursday. It was nice to see the father, mother, and daughter all come at the same time. Bro. Miller is pleading so earnestly for all and it seems as if their hearts are hardened. We expect to close Sunday evening. If there is an interest in the meeting I think it will continue. On last Monday evening it rained, there was fifteen there and we had a prayer meeting.

ELSIE SMITH.

## AFLOAT.

I am just home from a short visit to Ritchie Co., W. Va., where I was engaged with a protracted meeting on Rock Camp, a tributary of the Hughes river. Not a year since I went among these people accidentally, or providentially. Our faith unto them was in part unknown. We have now in this locality a well organized Brethren church, consisting of 21 staunch members, 9 of whom were added in our late effort. Bro. Samuel Tuning, Toll Gate, Ritchie Co., W. Va. is their worthy deacon. He is anxious to learn about his church and thereby keep in touch with the Brotherhood. A certain preacher, at a distance, made a feeble effort, in an ungentlemanly way, to suppress this progressive enterprise, but I ordered sample copies of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, which helped to decide the question. Dr. Beachly of Meyersdale aided me with tracts and information of early times, for which I am very grateful. And so this youthful, hopeful W. Virginian church is in a healthy spiritual condition, situated in a respectable neighborhood with a tight hold on the minds and hearts of the people in general. Bro. J. H. Grogg of Upshur Co., deserves credit for the masterly way in which he manages business affairs. He is a Life Insurance agent, and belongs to the Brethren church in Lewis Co. I baptized his wife and daughter there in June. Bro. John, having his headquarters in an adjoining county to Ritchie, came to spend Sunday's services with us, and on the last night of our revival presented a subscription paper to the congregation and from those present secured enough funds to insure the immediate erection of a Brethren church house to be built on Rock Camp creek; the congregation returning him a hearty vote of thanks for his christian interest and manly endeavor. This house was proposed and verbally headed by H. C. Showalter, attorney-at-law, son of an early school teacher of mine. I met him as a stranger in the county seat of Ritchie, and he befriended me for the sake of our birthplace and the sacred friendship of our fathers. I also preached a sermon, each, in West Union and Harrisville, the

county seats of Doddridge and Ritchie. A promise to supply the pulpit for the brethren at Meyersdale on the 16th, necessitated my home coming, and I bade adieu to my many sympathizing friends.

MARY M. STERLING.

## FROM TROY, OHIO.

BRETHREN EVANGELIST:—Please give this room in your paper.

Early Saturday eve, Dec. the 15th, 1894, the pastor of the Brethren church at Troy, Ohio, was surprised, being the thirty-fourth anniversary of his marriage. About seven o'clock the brethren and sisters and neighbors rushed in on us with baskets well filled and their countenances beaming with joy, and after a hearty hand-shaking with all, about fifty or sixty surrounded a table well filled with the good things of this life. That we appreciate and accept this substantial token of kindness to their pastor and family. God bless you all, and may I prove faithful as the pastor and be more devoted to the cause in the future than I have in past.

SIMON MIKESELL.

## GLEANINGS FROM THE WAY-SIDE

While attending the state conference at Ind. at Elkhart, we were earnestly solicited by the Brethren at Milford to give them a date on which I could hold a communion service; we consented to meet them on Nov. 15th. On returning home we received a communication to come two days earlier and preach for them prior to our feast. We went and met a large attentive audience. Preached Tuesday and Wednesday night, held communion on Thursday night which was largely attended by brethren and citizens of the town. It was a feast to the soul. The Holy Spirit seemed to brood over the entire service and the children of God wept for joy. These brethren feel somewhat lost since Brother Rench was called to the College, but they live in hopes. Our visit with the Milford church was pleasant to us and I hope agreeable to them.

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, accompanied by Mrs. Summers and daughter Ota, we went to College Corners, one of our regular appointments, met a fair audience in the evening but Sunday and Sunday night we had an overwhelming audience. On Monday evening we met for communion service a very large attendance both of members and visitors. Good order prevailed, a glorious meeting was enjoyed. On Sunday we met at the river where four precious souls passed through the waters of holy baptism. The Lord be praised for such feasts of fellowship.

On Saturday, Nov. 21st, was our appointment with the Salem church as usual we had a large audience over Sunday with good interest, good singing and very ordinary preaching,

but with Christ in the service all went well. On Monday night was our communion service, and a feast to the soul indeed. Our house is large but it proved too small on this occasion. We have been laboring for them near five years and the Lord has blessed our work, as well as has the brethren stood by and held up our hands by prayer and supplications. Praise the Lord for his blessings. As ever the same in Christ.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

## FROM PLEASANT VIEW, INDIANA.

Dec. 14th, 1894:—Brother I. N. Miller is laboring for us in the Lord's cause fearlessly holding the Gospel alone as the perfect plan of salvation. Three baptized yesterday. May the Lord continue to bless his laborers.

GEORGE NEFF.

## A REQUEST.

The Beaver City church desires a reply from the different churches to whom we have written to assist us in supporting our pastor. We have stated to you our circumstances as they were. I cannot understand why only a few have replied. A few pastors have kindly stated to us their condition and their desires to assist us to whom and for which we thank them very much. We have as yet not received any aid. We will immediately report through the EVANGELIST all moneys received as soon as donations are made. I wish the brethren would again read our appeal or at least consider our case prayerfully. Does not fellowship really mean partnership? If it does why not assist each other in church work financially? If we are Christ's we are in fellowship one with another. Will some one please explain the word fellowship in its broadest sense? I will also give the readers of the EVANGELIST a few lines of good news from this church. Elder J. R. Keller our pastor held a protracted meeting which continued four weeks. Immediate results were two reclaimed and six additions, one of them was my sister-in-law who was reared a Catholic, and the outlook is good for more additions in the near future. Brother Keller had thought best to close the meeting at the close of two weeks service with one addition only, but some of the members urged him to continue a week longer, thinking that one more might be added at least but thank the Lord, brethren, five more accepted Christ. I verily believe that our people as a rule close their protracted meetings entirely too soon. Meetings ended with a glorious lovefeast. Brother Keller expects to leave us in about ten days. He expects to hold protracted meetings in Kan. about a month.

Yours in Christ,

ISRAEL BAER.

The world is not suffering so much for want of more preaching as it is for more practice.

## FROM MULBERRY, IND.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Last night closed our protracted effort at the Mt. Pleasant Brethren church after three weeks hard work for our pastor, Brother R. R. Teeter. He did the preaching all himself, and he did it well, too. The immediate result was from the G. B. and two by immersion. One of the number was Brother Teeter's wife. We believe that Bro. Teeter has made a good choice for a help-mate, and we pray God's richest blessing to rest on them; they have the love and confidence of the entire community. Pray for us that we may live close to God.

MRS. P. H. MICHAEL.

(By request of the pastor.)

## FROM WARSAW, IND.

Brother J. D. McFaden delivered a course of lectures for the K. C. and C. E. which were highly appreciated by all who heard them. The weather was very unfavorable, and many were unable to attend, on this account. At the close of the lectures he preached us some powerful doctrinal sermons. This was much needed and we believe will be of great value to us.

Brother McFaden was unable to remain with us but a short time, having contracted a heavy cold, his throat failed him. We were very sorry to have him leave us just when the interest was growing and the waters were being troubled. But God strengthened our young pastor, Chas. F. Yoder, for the completion of the work.

We had a wonderful meeting. Bro. Chas. has won for himself great laurels; he wielded the sword of the spirit with great power, and many gladly received the Word. Twenty-seven were buried with Christ in baptism, and one united by relation, and many more are very near the kingdom. One united by relation before this meeting began, making twenty-nine additions since Sept. 1st. Many were heads of families, then there were a number of young men and women who come from families who were not members of the Brethren church. Thus you see we are reaching out. We had large crowds night after night, and the last evening many were turned away for lack of room. Bro. Yoder is doing a good work for us. The old as well as the young love and respect him. Our K. C. of C. E. has almost doubled itself, and still they are coming. For all these blessings we are thankful.

ANNA E. SWITZER.

We cannot render benefits to those from whom we receive them, or only seldom. But the benefit we receive must be rendered again, line for line, deed for deed, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in your hand! —Emerson.